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#### AN INSPIRING NOME.

Whatever may be thought of the motives of the political managers who are now urging Blaine-and those motives will not be valued for more than they are worth-it is undeniable that an immensely inspiring responsive thrill has been telt through the Republican party at the renewed suggestion of the Secretary's name. Leaving all questions of the maneuvering of big and little politicians aside, great satisfaction will be felt everywhere if the Secretary's health be such that under any circumstances he can feel justified in taking the nomination.

Several recent incidents go to indicate that either his health is not so feeble as some of the Harrisonites would make us believe. or else that there has been of late a wonderfully sharp and decided recovery. The Secretary's numble movements at Washington lately have been reassuring. There was no trace of feebleness in the sweeping letter in which he disposed of ex-Librarian Bancroft last week. He was bold and confident in his bearing with the New York correspondents Monday night, and spoke like a man who meant not only to live, but to enjoy life for some time to come.

It is wise, therefore, to recognize that, while the leading motives of Clarkson, Platt and Quay are doubtless as chargedthat they love not Blaine more, but Harrison less-facts are nevertheless coming to the surface as to the Secretary's condition which may fully justify Blaine's nomination. As for the country, it would be greatly gratified if this view prove correct. It does not want Blaine offered as a physical sacrifice on the altar of the mean ambitions of Platt and his associates; but it would feel it a privilege to have an opportunity to bestow its highest honor on the ablest living American in public life.

#### SAME IN NAME, BUT DIFFERENT.

On another page of this issue will be found some interesting comparisons between the Law and Order Society of Philadelphia and that of Pittsburg. The two organizations have nothing in common but their name. The Philadelphia society has unjust discrimination, and was closely lecitimate objects, works openly and related to, if not identical with the above board, has a large number of members, and is supported both by the constituted authorities and the public at large. Its members belong to no sect, religious or political; among them are found leading and respected men of the city. In Pittsburg the few who usurp the title and pose as the sole supporters of law and order are ashamed to publish their names, use men who are in jail most of the time. stoop to the meanest methods for obtain. ing convictions, and generally convey the idea that their main objects are to make themselves obnoxious and secure their share of the fines. The Philadelphia body confines its efforts to the suppression of real moral evils, while the Pittsburgers dissipate their energies in the attempt to suppress public conveniences which rank as practical necessities. It is too much to hope for a reform on the part of McClure's employes, but they would be wise to take a leaf from their Eastern namesakes. There is, however, one consolation for Pittshurg if the newsboy persecutors refuse to make a voluntary move for the better. This lies in the fact that the next Legislature will without doubt see the wisdom of repealing an antiquated and obsolete law which has proved a temptation to men who are now generally regarded as a public nuisance.

dressed in tailor-made clothes, with supplementary socks, kid gloves and a walking stick. Worse still, they have found that he rides a bicycle at times when he should be voting in the House. And his leisure is occupied with epi-cyclic exercise on asphalt pavements in place of agricultural experiments on any vacant lot where he could find room for them. All these errors of judgment Jeremiah Simpson will have to face on the stump. He will find full use for all his rhetorical powers, or his songs of a universal prosperity to be achieved by vague impalpable schemes will be changed to a painful personal jeremiad.

THE DEATS PENALTY INFLICTED. At 11 o'clock yesterday Patrick Fitzpatrick explated the murder of Samuel Early on the gallows at the county jail. The interval between the crime and the punishment has not been as long as in some cases, but the interval between this example of capital punishment and the last one is decidedly significant.

It is eight years since a murderer has been hanged in Allegheny county. If this long respite from the infliction of the death penalty were caused by freedom from capital erimes it would be an especially grateful fact to notice. But the opposite is forced upon the attention of everyone by the frequency of homicides. During last year the number of killings averaged one every ten days. In the past five years there have been homicides enough to establish an average of 214 per month. It is impossible to resist the conclusion that the infrequency of the extreme penalty has created a belief among the class addicted to violent crimes that they can incur the danger of taking life with a fair chance of escaping the gallows.

In this view it is to be hoped that the execution of Fitzpatrick will disturb the belief that hanging is played out in Allegheny county. The murder for which he was hanged was not more wanton than others in which the murderer has escaped with imprisonment; but it was such as to fully justify hanging. If the infliction of the death penalty can be taken as a proof that the policy of misplaced mercy to homicides

is abandoued it must exert some restraint on the alarming tendency to violent crimes. That is undoubtedly one of the social needs of the day. Justice should be deliberate and unerring; but it should also be so certain that people prone to violence will know that they cannot give way to their criminal propensities with impunity.

#### THE COURT AND THE ACT.

There has been a good deal of foolish talk about the recent decision of the Supreme Court on the "party rate" question proving fatal to the inter-State commerce law. Those who had a fair amount of information on the subject knew that there was no reason for thinking so; and the full report of the decision shows that the court entirely maintains the principles and purposes of the act.

As THE DISPATCH has stated from time to time in the progress of the case, the crusade against party rates was entirely a pooling idea, started for the purpose of preventing the cheapening of rates by that means just before the passage of the act. After the act was passed, the pooling interest in the railroads strove to entorce the idea that the act supported their enmity to these reduced rates. This would have done no more harm than the other railroad misrepresentations concerning that measure, if the Inter-State Commerce Commission, which has been constantly in sympathy with pooling ideas, had not adopted that view. THE DIS PATCH has shown that a reduced rate to parties of a stated number was not an

present in some ixexplicable manner eluded the enterprise of imaginative interpreters of the Presidental situation.

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ANY ONE can see without the help of the peculiarly well informed editor of the Inter. Ocean that Harrison "cannot now decline the contest forced upon him." Of course the genious civil service reformer would like to have a walkover for the nomination, but the contest is being more forced upon him every day. And he will need all the advantages of his massage training to prevent a serious disfigurement, to say nothing of a knockout, in the Minneapolis prize ring.

A BEAR was caught in Washington, D. C., yesterday. It had strayed from the Zoological Gardens, and not from the bear pits of the Capitol.

IowA is well up to date in divorce suits. A lady of Fort Dodge sues her husband for divorce because he killed her pet cat and re fused to kiss her. He replies that he refused to kiss her because she kissed the cat. The domestic feline has long borne in meekness more that its share of blame for breakages of household china, but its nine lives all told are not enough to cause such serious family jars as this.

JERRY SIMPSON is inclined to ride roughshod over the Democratic party, even if he has to remove his socks for the pur-

ALLEGHENY'S CITY CLERK is wrathful because a Cleveland banking firm addressed a letter to him as the "Village Clerk." Cleveland people are really inexcusable, for Allegheny's greatness has been well advertised by recent prosecutions of city officials.

A MAN who lives in a house boat on the Allegheny river resembles a bicyclist, inas-much as he goes on between two rings.

THERE is a great lack of consideration for less happily situated persons shown by the Californians who make public the fact that the first wheat of this season has already been harvested and sold.

WHEN Bittsburg's wires get under ground the wire pullers will be able to work with greater secrecy than ever.

THERE can be but little doubt that one of those most interested in the nomination of Mr. Blaine is Mr. Cleveland. The Cleveland men would then insist that there was no one else in sight.

QUAY'S arrival has been announced again, and once more Pittsburg is pervaded by the silent hush of expectancy.

In these days of arrogant authors and a desire for notoriety, it is truly surprising that the composer of the Grant-Conkling letter fails to respond to the cries for his ap-

WHITNEY has a little boom of his own now. It may be a gib-boom, but it will prob ably turn out a gibe.

HILL'S private secretary says that Hill will write no letter of declination. And of course the private secretary knows everything that Hill is going to do before he does

WISCONSIN has decided against prohibi-Water is naturally unpopular out tion. there this year.

SECRETARY FOSTER objects to appearing t Minneapolis as a Harrison delegate, but it is the conspicuousness of the matter that he dislikes rather than the principle.

ALLEGHENY county had an execution esterday, and the weather was fairer than usual. On the whole there is no necessity that a

relief fund should be raised for the benefit of the county officers whose salaries have been docked by the Supreme Court. PEDESTRIANS may still patronize Market

street in comparative safety.

WESTINGHOUSE has beaten the Trust, but the World's Fair people are mean enough to demand a \$1,000,000 deposit before they trust him with the contract.

BLAINE.

Present Gossip.

may, however, be taken for certain.

off from the highest Blaine standard.

Alger, or any other conceivable Republican

PROMINENT PERSONAGES.

MRS. MARY RUSSELL DAY has become

JOHN BACH MCMASTER, the historian,

GOVERNOR MCKINLEY attended the St.

SECRETARY BLAINE yesterday drove to

And He Is Dead.

Aller St.

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First-If he takes the nomination for Pres

ident, he will stand a chance of getting

more votes than any other-prominent Re-

game yesterday.

New York Sun. 1

# JERRY SIMPSON'S DANGER.

His Old Friends in Kansas Think He's Putting on Too Much Style.

TOFEEA, KANS., May 24.-[Special.]-The fight to prevent the re-election of Jerry Simpson to Congress opened this week and it will be the most interesting political contest that has ever been waged in Kansas. Of course, it will be the aim of the Republicans to defeat the entire Alliance Con-gressional ticket, but the fight will be directed principally against Jerry Simpson. He is regarded by Republicans as the smartest member of the Alliance delegation in Congress, and they fear that his re-election would do a great deal toward strengthening the new party not only in Kansas but in all the agricultural States of the West. His defeat, it is believed, would do more to break up the Third Party in Kansas than anything else that could happen.

SIMPSON knows very well that a big fight is on his hands, and he knows also that the fate of the People's Party in this State depends to a great extent upon the result in his district. Considerable correspondence hus passed between Simpson and the mana-gers of the People's Party in the last two weeks, in which Simpson was given to understand that he must enter the campaign at the earliest moment.

A letter has just been received by him, in which he promises to be here not later than Angust 1, and from that time until Novem ber 1 he will give his entire time to the fight. His district includes 26 counties, and with but one exception is the largest Congressional district in the United States. His plan is to devote almost a week to each county and to make a school house campaign.

SIMPSON is one of the best political speakers the State has ever known. His forte is a stump speech. His canvass two years ago in the Seventh district was in many

spects the most remarkable ever co ducted in Kansas. It is impossible for Simpson to make a clear, logical argument on any question, but when placed before an audience of farmers and workingmen, of which his constituency is largely comprised, he makes a speech that almost carries them off their feet. Simpson knows his power in this respect, and the fact that he is arrang-ing to make a school honse campaign shows that he proposes to win his way back to Congress with his clever stump speeches and funny stories. on any question, but when placed before an

THE Republicans will endeavor to place Simpson on the defensive. He will first be required to answer for his position on the tariff question: His speech declaring for absolute free trade is already being circulated by the thousand in Simpson's district, and he will be vigorously attacked on that line. A great many of the farmers of Kansas, orats as well as Republicans, are Demo strongly opposed to free trade, and the Re-publicans believe that Simpson has greatly injured his changes for re-election in coming out as an advocate of free trade pure an simple. He is being criticised also for his simple. He is being criticised also for his conduct in Washington in the last year. A few of his farmer constituents have been to the National Capital and came back with the story that Simpson is "putting on airs." A Comanche county farmer reported at a meeting of the Farmers' Alliance in his county last week that while at Washington be any Simpson was first kid gives corre-

county last week that while at Washington he saw Simpson wearing kid gloves, carry-ing a dude's waiking stick and fixed up in a tailor-made suit of clothes. He declared very emphatically that as a farmer Con-gressman and a man who protonded to be a representative of the farmers, Simpson was putting on too much style. Neither are they pleased with Jerry's bloycle riding. A great many farmers think that a man who devotes a good share of his time to a blovela is not many farmers think that a man who devotes a good share of his time to a bicycle is not good for anything else. The story has been circulated in several counties in Simpson's district that on one or two occasions, when important appropriation bills were before the House, Simpson was having fun with his bicycle, and failed to be present when the vote was taken.

ANOTHER charge against Simpson is that he changed front on the measure to prevent option dealing in grain. The farmers have a notion that option dealing lowers the price of grain, and any measure which has for its object the prohibition of that business meets with their indorsement. Simp son was at the start in favor of the antioption bill, but recently he declared against it, and the story was circulated among

the farmers that the "board of trade lobby" in Washington gowaround Simpson and in fenced him to change front. Simpson will have his free trade speech, his bicycle rid-

### THE SUNDAY NEWSPAPER.

Wiser to Take Advantage of the Current Than to Try to Stem It. Spokane Spokesman.]

A distinguished colored divine of Virginia some years ago astonished his fellow citi-zens and made himself famous by announcing that "the sun do move." ing the strong evidence he has brought to support this theory he has had a monopoly of that belief among civilized people ever since he announced it. There are a number of good people who, while not accepting the theory of the sun's moving, are equally loath to recognize that if the sun does not the world does, and the progress and advance nent of civilization and the controlling ideas of mankind move with it.

Two hundred years have passed since the blue laws of Connecticut were enacted and Salem burned witches. While a good many American's to-day are proud of the fact that their ancestors passed the one and belleved in the other, they would be very much ashamed of seeing the old laws enforced, and are very far from professing any faith in witches and wizzards. What seemed very natural and proper to Cotton Mather is ooked upon as the grossest superstition today. Liberal ideas have taken the place of the old-time bigotry, and the gospel of char-

ity has replaced the gospel of terror. With this change of ideas has naturally come a change in methods, and even good churchmen no longer think it necessary to abstain from all social enjoyment and amusement on Sundays. Adde - to this change is the progress of the arts and sciences; the introduction of the steam engine, and the development of similar institutions which have made it necessary to do much more work on Sunday than in the old days of the Puritans; the result of this has been that a great deal of labor is legitimate and necessary to-day which under the old system of things could be avoided.

With the spread of these liberal ideas many institutions, such as the Sunday newspaper, have grown up and become a part of the daily life of the nation, and to suppress them is as impossible as it would be to stop the running of Sunday trains or street cars on that day.

Is it not the part of wisdom for churchmen to take advantage of the current rather than to attempt to stem it? There are thousands who read the Sunday papers who never go to church and who can only be reached with religious teaching through the nedium of the press. It would be better for the clergy to endeavor to lend their aid to make the Sunday papers more religious than to endeavor to suppress the m.

### IN FAVOR OF SINGLE TAX.

A Remarkable Report Made by a Special Committee of the House.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 24.-The remarka le report issued to-day of a special committee, whose Chairman is Congressman Tom Johnson, of Cleveland, appointed to investigate the system of assessments in vogue in the District, attracts a deal of attention from all sorts of people. It goes into an elaborate statement of the difference between the treatment of the rich landlord and the small householders in the matter of assessments in a way which must make capitalists and subservient District officials

The report is really an exhaustive argu The report is really an exhaustive argu-ment in favor of a single tax on land values only, upon a theory whose authorship is commonly ascribed to Mr. Henry George. Representative Johnson is devoted to that theory, and he compels the testimony taken to support it all through in a way which makes his paper really the most striking and revolutionary utterance that has ever come from a formal committee of Congress; and it lays stress on the fact that a large number of persons giving testimony, persons of lays stress on the fact that a large number of persons giving testimony, persons of property and persons of the highest stand-ing, expressed themselves as convinced that the single tax theory is the only scientific one, or, at least, the only possible reform, under the system of individual ownership of land. Notwithstanding these conclusions, the plan of levying taxes on land values alone, and not on the land and its improve-ments, is not embodied in the recommenda-tions, as, in this matter, Mr. Johnson was overruled by his two associates; and the recommendations, therefore, are merely for a simpler and more equitable way of making assessments.

assessments. Mr. Johnson's purpose is to a great extent accomplished, however. He has made an investigation into a great abuse, has ex-posed the abuse, and has shown as he and many other Congressmen and eitzens think, that a tax on land values is the only proper solution. He proves in his report that if this were the system, the revenues could be more than doubled with a lary of less than one-third of the percentare now impresed

# ON THE THRESHOLD.

Bright Graduates Give Their Views of What Life Ought to Be-High School Commencement Exercises at Homestead and Braddock-Gossip of Society.

The commencement exercises of the Iomestead High School graduating class of eight members were held last evening in the Fifth Avenue Opera House at that place. Following was the programme: Overture, Emphony Orchestra; prayer, Rev. W. L. C. Sampson: salutatorr, Miss Bertha Lloyd, subject, "Without Sound of Hammer or Ax:" piano solo, "Alice," Asher, Miss Neille G. Risher: oration, Charles Morton, "Progress of Ages:" essay, Miss Belle Patton

ress of Ages:" essay, Miss Belle Patton, "Practical Education:" recitation, Miss Hilda Kuhn; music, Euphony Orchestra; oration, Albert Holt, "Everyone the Architect of His Own Fortune;" essay, Miss Mamle Cronin, "Plant While It Is Seed-time;" plano duet, ("Les Crelots"), "Sleigh Bells," Boscovitz, Misses Nellie and Anule Risher; oration, John Shaf-fer, "Patriotism;" class prophecy. Miss Jennie Adams: oration, Claude Barton, "Tifles as Light as Air;" music, Euphony Orchestra; valedictory, Thouas Tierney, "So Endeth Our First Lesson:" address, Rev. W. L. C. Sampson; plano solo, "Serengde," Moszkowski, Miss Annie Risher; address by the Hon. Henry Houck, State Superintendthe Hon. Henry Houck, State Superintend-ent of Public Instruction, which was in the nature of a baccalaureate exhortation. liplomas were presented by the President of

the Homestead School Board. THE commencement exercises of the Braddock High School graduating class of ten young ladies, were held last evening in the First M. E. Church at Braddock. The bacca First M. E. Church at Braddock. The back-laurate address was made to the class Sun-day evening by the Rev. Dr. Isaac C. Ket-tler. President of Grove City College, 1,600 people being present. The programme of exercises was especially interesting. The Edgar Thomson Steel Works Orchestra furnished music, and Miss Elise Warren, the noted Chicago oratorio singer, sang two solos.

AT a meeting of the Department Presitents of the Ladies of the Grand Army, yesterday afternoon it was decided to hold the nnual jubiles at the Hawkins Home, Thursday, June 21. There will be 18 tables de roted to the sale of fancy work and refresh ments, and each table will be in charge of the ladies of a different circle. The laws ete at the Home at Hawkins is always delightful. The place is one of the prettiest suburbs of Pittsburg, and the ladies always exert themselves to make the occasion enjoyable. At previous anniversaries the attendance has been large, and a neat sum has been realized for the benefit of the Home, and there is no reason to expect anything less this year.

# THERE is every probability that the musical and literary entertainment by the

nembers of the Edgewood Presbyterian Church in the new schoolhouse on Friday will be a pleasant and interesting occasion Among the well-known artists that will par Among the well-known artists that will par-ticipate are Mrs. C. C. Mellor. Miss Margaret crouch, Miss M. Orr, Mr. W. Cliff McCans-land, Mr. E. J. Lloyd. Prof. Roberts, elocu-tionist, and Mr. Griffin, cornet. The pro-ceeds of the entertainment will go into the building fund for the new chapel. It will be a neat edifice, on Swissvale avenue, and will seat 500 meanle. seat 500 people.

A RUSSIAN tea and New England lunch will make up the entertainment to be given under the auspices of the ladies of the First Unitarian Church to-morrow evening and Friday and Saturday, corner of Ross and Diamond streets. The tea will be served on Thursday, when it will be prepared in the Russian style. There will be a Russian booth, in charge of Mrs. Langley, Mrs. Hold-ship and Mrs. Fleisiman. The alds will wear costumes of yellow and black, the im-perial colors, and will dispense strawber-ries and cream for those who do not care for caviare and Russian delicacies. There will caviare and Russian deleaces. There will be a real samovar, Russian caravan tea, an icon-a sacred ploture-etc. Altogether, the entertainment will be something not met with every day. As for the New England lunch, everyone knows that that is a de-lightful thing.

### Social Chatter.

taken place in May, 1752, when a brig named Pelletier was experimentally cuted by the new invention, being the to feel that "light and pleasant freshne: the neck" to which Dr. Guillotine would The first preliminary contest for the grand prize by the lady graduates of King's School of Orntory and Dramatic Culture, will take place to-morrow evening. There will be 14 contestants. The contest for the David B. King medal will occur Friday, that for the Mrs. Inez Todd King medal, Tue-day even-ing, May 31, and for the grand medal, Thurs-day evening. June 2. often refer. -Medical authorities declare that people are less able to resist the attack disease or the shocks of injuries and op tions than the moderately thin. The piratory muscles cannot so easily act; t heart is often handlenpped by the denosi t and the least exertion throws them in day evening, June 2. perspiration.

day evening, June 2. To-MORROW will take place the marriage of Miss Cecilia Kirsch, of Allegheny, to Frank A. Zellner, of New Philadelphia, O. The ceremony will be performed at the resi-dence of the bride's mother, Mrs. F. Kirsch, on Perrysville avenue, Rev. G. Lorsch, of the German Lutheran Church, Southside, offi-ciating. The couple will reside in New Phil-adelphia -In Australia the aboriginals are most successfully in tracing game and o objects in pursuit. With their eyes upon the grass, sometimes even kneelin scrutinize the ground more closely, exa i ing a torn leaf or a broken twig, they tell how long since the game passed, whether it was alarmed or unsusple ious adelphia. A MUSICAL and literary entertainment is to A MUSICAL and literary entertainment is to be given by the Epworth Letgue Friday at the Smithfield Street M. E. Church. The pastor, Rev. C. E. Locke, and the President of the League will be present, and do their part toward making the affair a success. - The cigarette has been put to a ne. A gambler in Cheyenne smoked t incessantly while playing and so may the backs of the cards with nicotine st that they could readily be read by his c federates. The little scheme was discove after three weeks of play, and now the g To wonto will be Ascension Day. It is a holy day of obligation in the Catholic Church. To ere will be services in all the churches of that denomination, as well as in the Protestant Episcopal Churches. bling-rooms have signs conspicuously pos-stating that cigarette smoking is barred. -There have been during the past v MRS. HENRY DAVIS, of Scwickley, gave a luncheon to a few iriends yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Davis will sail for Europe for a short stay on the ist of July. a series of fashionable crazes in Jaj The year 1873 was the rabbit year. Japanese went wild over the little quad THE 14th of June is the date set for the wedding of Miss Mary E. Kennedy, of the West End, and Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick, of peds. As much as £300 was paid for a sin beds. As much as 2.50 was paid for a sin specimen, and speculations in £100 and J rabbits were of daily occurrence. C fighting, printing dictionaries by subsc tion, boating, whist, waitzing, gigantic nerals and table turning are among othe the same neighborhood.

# CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS

### -There are 399 millionaires in this f -The Australian dog and the Egy shepherd dog never bark.

-In Great Britain there are 18,000 lords and \$8,000,000 tenants.

-The patentee of the "drive well' royalties estimated at \$2,000,000. -The broken and distorted foot

Chinese lady is called a "Golden lilly Chinese ad mirers of such distortions. -Ducks fly at an average rate of 90

per hour. With a fair wind it is bel that they can make 150 miles in the time.

-A subscription of \$32 37 from eac habitant of the United States would out every national, State and muni debt in the country. -A calf with a single eye, no ears

ave legs is the joy of Wayne county, I is now over a month old, and bids fi grow into full cowhood. -One of the largest of Boston's r

drygoods stores now has a gymnasin the top floor for the use of the saleswe and other female employes. -A New York manufacturer of trav-

goods imports a great many elephant annually. He uses them for making tri which he says are becoming popular.

-The Women's Temple, in Chi which cost \$600,000, was largely paid fo of the contributions of penny banks, 1 of which were opened, it is said, for the

-The longest train ever handled single engine in this country has just hauled on the Reading road. It contr 250 empty cars and was a mile and a qu in length.

-The total force in the naval se affoat in 1890 was 53 259 officers and me whom 30,020 were between the ages of 1 24, 17,310 between 25 and 35, 5,150 betwee and 45 and 870 above 45 years of age.

-An aged parson, who recently vi

Caribou, Me., stated that he had written

delivered 1.500 sermons, and that it took 700 of the manuscripts to fill a barrel. measure is what the unappreciative vill: called it.

- A dentist of Ansonia, Conn., a

days since advertised that he would se

auction a set of false teeth, "now in mouth of a patient." The dentist made

teeth seven years ago, and claims they never paid for.

-Jacob Fegley, living along the Pe

men Creek, near Quakertown, Md., gath

enough feathers to make four good-feather beds after a flock of about 500 geese had spent the night in a swamp o place on their way North.

-Seventy thousand people kissed

humerus of St. Ann, the saintly relie w

had a stay of two weeks in New York

many miraculous cures were chronicle the metropolitan dailies. It is said tha cures are not permanent, however.

-The felt cloth which is made into

is composed chiefly of the hair of rab hares or goats, mixed with much v These substances are entangled toge

These substances are entangled toge and pressed and beaten until they adher form a compact but flexible material.

-The World's Fair Commission

Brazil is at home, actively developin

exhibit from that country, among the l

ing features of which will be groups of chona, coffee trees in bearing, eachi

cactus, mammoth palms, terns, bamboos, and models of fruit.

- It is stated that the height of

human body is generally ten times

length of the face; the face is as long as

hand; the arm is four times the length of

ace: the sole is one-sixth the length of

ody, and six times the thickness of

-The guillotine is to have its center

this year, the first execution on it ha

hand equals the thickness of the body

#### THE ELECTRICAL VICTORY

There is a double cause for congratulation in the victory of Mr. Westinghouse securing for his company the contract for electric lighting in the Chicago Exposition. Both public policy and local interests are benefited by this result to a decided degree. In the first respect the effort of an electrical combination to exact excessive prices from a public enterprise has been defeated. The greed of the combination policy, as displayed in the way the charges on this contract were expanded, has been duly noticed. The Westinghouse competition has decisively and finally defeated this scheme and insured the lighting of the Exposition at moderate rates.

In the second place, the contract brings an amount of work to Pittsburg equal to the lighting af the two cities of Pittsburg and Allegheny. It promises active employment for the local electrical interests, and beyond that it shows that the electrical interests of our city are not only able to meet fair competition but to de feat the methods employed by a combination to shut them out of a large contract.

While Pittsburg's other interests may be slow in providing for full representation at Chicago, the electric display given by Pittsburg will be a splendid exhibit by itself.

#### MR. SIMPSON'S MISTAKES.

Uncle Jerry Simpson will find that things have been made uncomfortably warm for him when he returns to Kansas to seek re-election to Congress. Picturesque oratory, of the kind wherein Mr. Simpson is an old master, may be made to cover a multitude of sins. Its mantle might even be stretched to cover such comparatively unimportant details as an outspoken declaration in favor of free trade and against the anti-option bill. But, alas for poor Jerry, the Kansas farmers have learnt that he has committed offenses that, compared with these details, are really grave and serious,

Visitors from Kansas to Washington have made some horrible discoveries. They have seen their Representative

specific clauses of the act with regard to commutation and excursion rates. The Supreme Court in its opinion takes exactly that view, and in its remarks on the neces sity of legislating against unjust discriminations shows that it is not hostile to the purpose or spirit of the act.

The Supreme Court has not ruled against the Inter-State Commerce law, but has corrected a misinterpretation of it. The law is in no such danger from the court as it is from the failure to enforce it.

#### "STSTEM" GAMBLING

By some testimony in a recent suit in New York the theory is made very strong that the squandering of two millions by E. M. Field was accomplished in backing a "system" invented by a certain Dr. Howard and warranted by the inventor to be a sure thing for beating the stock market. The fact is a suggestive one, more for its classification of the operations conducted in Wall street than for anything novel in its disclosure of human credulity. All the great gambling institutions are noted for the stimulating quality which they have on fatuous gudgeons for the To convince the voters that he is up to that job, he must make at invention of "systems" that are sure to win. A large share of Europe gives its least three or four speeches. One of them, may be delivered in New York, leisure time to devising systems for beatone in Boston, one in Chicago, one in Cining the game at Monte Carlo, with rare intervals of going there to try the system be tip-top speeches, full of the genuine old and coming back in a cleaned-out condihis palmy days. There must be no falling tion. Numerous fools in this country have been convinced that they have a certain plan for beating lottery and the try to get through the canvass without horse races; but the scheme always breaks affording such unquestionable evidence of down for lack of funds to work it clear physical and mental power, the people would out. The ruinous results of playing these not believe that he is really able to be Presi dent. Then he would be beaten worse than would be possible for even Harrison or systems are so notorious as to become a proverb among mere common place and

ess infatuated gamblers. candidate. It needs only the disclosure that there is "a sure system" in Wall street which brings its backer to irretrievable smash, to complete the classification of that game in Kentucky's State Librarian. the list of pure gamblers. There are still a few persistent optimists who try to think has been offered the Presidency of the Pennthat the Wall street game is an actual and sylvania University. legitimate investment of the nation's surplus. But when we find Wall street Francis de Sales Catholic Church fair at brokers playing systems with all the fa-Cincinnati last evening. tuity of a gambler at Monte Carlo, the last pretense is taken away.

the Damrosch house and saw for the first The disciosure renders it pertinent to time his youngest grandchild. say that there are just two systems-one ANDREW . CARNEGIE is said to have honest and the other dishonest-for heat profound knowledge of botany, though ing all these gambles, whether with doubtless his favorite plant is a steel rail horses, cards or stocks. One is to put mill. your money in the savings bank and let AT the recent opening of the horticul them severely alone. The other is to play tural exhibition in London, Buffalo Bill sat them with marked cards and loaded dice. in state, with Mrs. Mackay in the seat of

honor on his right. "THE unspeakable crime for which they SIR JOHN PAUNCEFORE, the British Minister at Washington, gave a dinner Monday night to Teopold, Hereditary were lynched outlaws the perpetrato whether white or black, in every part of the United States." So said Bishop Fitzgerald Prince of Isenburg-Beistein. apropos of recent lynchings of negroes by GENERAL JOHN C. NEW, United States Southern mobs. He failed, however, to add, Consul General at London, spent a portion of yesterday at the White House. He will as he might have done with advantage, that the act of lynching inoriminates the lynch. e present at the Minneapolis Convention. ers, whether black or white, and is de EX-SENATOR JONES, of Iowa, was rerogatory to the dignity of constituted authority. No matter how guilty of the vilest crime the victim of mob violence may cently in Washington renewing hts ac-quaintance with a place which he first knew be, by taking the law into its own hands the as a Congressman 6) years ago. He is now mob places itself on a level with the crim-9 years old. inal. East, West, North or South courts o MRS. GROVER CLEVELAND sent a Chiplaw are the proper instruments for the adpendale dressing table as a bridal gift to Miss Gwendoline Jackson, of Jamaica, West ministration of justice, and if juries or judges cannot be depended on to bring in Indies, who was recently married to Joseph B. Gilder, the editor of the Critic. an unbiased verdict and award a proper sentence they must be reformed by the force

of public opinion, and not further weakened by the contemptuous lawlessness of a mob. New York Advertiser. ] -

THERE is a prolific field for invention in the only man who could adequately describe the realm of dreams which has up to the this weather.

BLAINE seems to be a well man, and wells are notably deep.

ing, his stylish dress, his flop on the anti-option bill and a number of other things to explain when he returns to Kansas. The People's party managers claim that when Simpson gets before the people he will stir them up as he did two years ago, PITTSBURG'S record at Chicago was unwill stir them up as he did two years ago, and that he will win the fight by 5,000 ma-jority. The Republicans propose to get the start of Simpson, and already have speakers in his district. They will send their strong-est men to that section of the State, and, as soon as the National Republican Committee is reorganized, will ask that men of national reputation be sent to their assistance. moilt or unimproved as the case may be. by the weather's interference with the ball

The Main Things in Connection With the

THE Republicans will meet at Kinzman on June 15 to nominate a candidate against

The air is full of rumors and contradic-Simpson. It is quite possible that Senator Chester I. Long, one of the ablest young Retions about Mr. Blaine's health and illness, ability and disability, willingness and unpublicans of the Southwest, will receive the nomination. He lives in Medicine Lodgewillingness. Much of it all, we dare say, is mere talk and invention, without knowl-edge or fact to go on. What people desire Simpson's home-and though but 29 years Simpson's nome-and though but 29 years of age is regarded as one of the best cam-paigners in the State. He has been pitted against Simpson in numerous local political contests at their own home, and slways came out victorious. The Republicans be-lieve no can make a canvass that will deteat or dread, what they hope or fear, looms and flickers before the imagination till the difference between truth and falsehood, reality and vacuity, disappears. What the fact is about Mr. Blaine we do Simpson. not undertake to determine. Two things

# ANOTHER STEP TOWARD UNION

#### Taken by the A. M. E. Conference, Which Has Adjourned at Philadelphia.

publican, provided the voters believe that PHILADELPHIA, May 24 .- The turbulent he is able to do the work of the Presidency. Quadrennial Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, which has been in continuous session in this city for three weeks, adjourned this morning to meet in Wilmington, N. C., in 1896. Among the important matters under consideration cinnati, and one in Richmond. They must during the closing hours of the Conference was the proposed consolidation of the two Blaine fire and quality, such as he showed in great branches of the colored Methodists church, the African Methodist Episcopal Second-If he should be nominated, and Church and the African Methodist Episcopa Zion Church. Bishop Turner announced to

Zion Church. Bishop Turner announced to the Conference that he had received a tele-gram from Bishop C. R. Harris, of the A. M. E Zion Church, announcing the proposed consolidation of the two branches, the mitted body to be known as "Atrican and Zion Methodist Episcopal Church." Hev. Dr. R. Green at once moved the adop-tion of the name as a step toward organized union. Bishop Turner favored the appoint-ment of a commission to visit the Zion Church. Conference with reference to the change of name, and upon motion of Rev. W. H. Mison, yesterday's action of the Con-ference is to be submitted to the Zion Con-W. H. Mison, yestering's action of the Con-ference is to be submitted to the Zion Con-ference, and the Board of Bishops were em-powered with the duty of transmitting the same information to the general annual and quarterly conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Caurch.

# Will Renew Their Grusade

New York Sun.] The American dress reformers are preparing to renew their crusade at Chautauqua this year. They declare that their reformatory ideas are making rapid progress all over the country, but especially in the cool headed city of Boston and the hot-headed city of Chicago. They have not much hope of undermining the prejudices of the fair sex in New York city.

#### Governor Flower Proud of His Record. New York Advertiser. ]

Governor Flower is proud of the record which he has made in Albany. So was the cat that devoured the canary. She smacked her lips and complacently imagined that she had done a great thing.

Australia Sets Another Example. Chicago Mail. 1

The prompt conviction and execution of Murderer Deeming at Melbourne suggest that the Kangaroo ballot is not the only Australian reform which this country should adopt.

#### Virginia Holding Her Own

Roston Herald. There are 31 candidates for the seat of the late Senator Barbour. Virginia can still claim to be the mother of statesmen.

The State That Never Takes Water, New York Press.]

Uncle John Robinson, the circus man, is Kentucky is for Carlisle for President in dead curnest, and Kentucky never takes water under any circonnetances.

one-third of the percentage now imposed, which is \$1 50 for every \$100; and, also, that this would fall in equitable proportion rich and poor alike and would tend abolish the evil of investment in un aboltsh the evil of investment in unim-proved land for the purpose of letting it lie unused until it is greatly enhanced in value by the growth of population around it.

# ANOTHER PLEA FOR LAY WORKERS.

#### This Time It Is the Baptist Union That Encounters the Snag.

PHILADELPHIA, May 24 .- The convention of the American Baptist Union began its seventy-eighth anniversary meeting to-day. The announcement of committees by tha President caused some delay to the morning's proceedings. When he had concluded. Rev. Dr. H. L. Wayland, editor of the National Bartist, called attention to the fact that, notwithstanding the utterance of the Convention of 1889, the list of committees showed that the laymen were not equally represented, and he thought it hardly fair to bring the truly competent laymen from all sections of the country and then give them nothing to do. This caught the approval of the union, and the committees were rejected

by a large majority. Rev. Henry C. Mabre, D. D., Home Secretary, read the report of the Executive Com-mittee. In pursuance of the vote of the union at its last annual meeting, the work of the year was planned on a scale involving an expenditure of \$590,000. The actual exan expenditure of \$650,000. The actual ex-penses, including payment of the deficit of \$51,563 94 from the previous year, were \$635, \$27 24, an increase of \$102,159 09 over the pre-vious year. The receipts were increased \$55,953 27, being \$563,172 33. Although there is a debt of \$65,754 31, the financial result of the year must be considered as cause for encouragement, as the expenditures of the society have increased \$221,416 85 in the last three years, and have more than doubled in the last nine years. The report of Treas-urer E. P. Coleman showed a balance against the treasury of \$66,751 31. the treasury of \$66,751 31.

# THE MEANEST SORT OF VANDALS.

#### Reward Offered for the Miscreants Who Interfered With the Military 'Cyclers,

Boston, May 24 .- Colonel Albert A. Pope, of this city, offers a reward of \$500 for the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons who maliciously stretched barbed wire across the path of the bicyclers in the relay race from Chicago to New York, and maliciously cut the tires of the bicycles, or who in any way maliciously injured or attempted to injure the riders' bloycles with

### Sir Alexander Campbell.

Sir Alexander Campbell, Licutenant Governor of Ontario, died at Toronto yesterday, after a painfui illness of several weeks, receiving a stroke of paralysis. He was one of the few remaining Canadian politicians known as Fathers of the Con federation of the Canadian Provinces, which took place in 1967. He was born in England in 1822; began place in 1857. He was born in England in 1822; began practicing law at the Canadian bar when 21; entered politics in 1858; was Speaker of the Legis-lative Council of Canada in 1862. At different times he was Minister of the Interior, Postmaster General, Minister of Justice and Minister of Minita in the late Sir John Macdonald's Cabinet. He was knighted by the Queen May 24, 1879, and made Licutenant Governor of Untarlo in 1857, in which office he will likely be succeeded by Hon, George Kirkpatricz, ex-Speaker of the Canadian House of Commons. York will have much interest for the people generally, and without reference to the question whether bicycles are more service-Obituary Notes. able than horses in carrying dispatches be-

SIR ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, Licutenant Gov ernor of Ontario, died yesterday afternoon at follow. Will the General be kind enough to

JAMES GRIFFIN, ex-Register and Recorder, of Cambria country, died in Johnstown last night. Every other member of his family was lost in the flood, leaving him with no living relative. He leaves an estate valued at \$55,600 all of which goes to the Catholic church.

New York has been one long puli through almost bottomless mud. The practical out-Montana Central division of the Great Northern Railway, died at Helena, Mont., yesterday, Al ome will be a demand for good roads, and though a native of Missouri. he has been identified with Montana ever since the Commonwealth has had a place on the map. He was President of the Montana National Bank and member of the Demo-gratic National Committee. it will come up with a volume and heartiness that will drown the roar of the floods.-Chicago Tribune.

MR. AND MRS. MELVIN HOUSE, who were lately married in New York, are in Pitts-burg. They will reside permanently in Oakland. -At the last meeting of the Royal Soc.

THE Willing Workers' Mission Society will give a fair and festival at 925 Fifth avenue, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, June 7 there was shown an ovster shell from Th day Island, in the Torres Strait, upon wh a bright and splendid pearl had been a bright and splendid penti and been i duced by artificial process. The process self was not divulged. Photographs of ing builtets showed that a pistol builet to eled 750 feet a second; a Martini-Henry i let 1,750 feet; a new English magazine i builet with smokeless powder 2,000 feet; an aluminum builet under similar cor tions 2,000 feet; and S.

Miss Hills, of Washington, D. C., is visit-ing Mrs. Howard Morton, of Denniston ave-

MRS. HENORICES, of Sunbury, is the guest of Mrs. Biddle Arthurs. MRS. JARVIS ADAMS has cards out for a re-

an aluminum b tions, 3,000 feet. ception Friday. -A curious lawsuit is engaging the MRS. PHIPPS, of the Arsenal, gave a recep-

tention of the court at Eclis, Spain, The ion yesterday. is over the sum of 250,000 pesetas and a bo A stranger some time ago handed the r Sam Small and Congress.

road station master a sealed letter an road station master a sealed letter an heavy box. On opening the box he foun baby, and at once handed it over to swift man and his wife. When the switchma wife undressed the iniant for bed she for rolled up in its clothing a quantity of he notes, which, as the paper stated, were to applied to the child's education. The stat master demanded the return of the ha but the switchman refused, holding tha Philadelphia Press.] Sam Small wishes to go to Congress. Well. f he gets there the wickedness thereof will have a picturesque as well as a commonplace side.

RELAY BICYCLING.

has accomplished is the starting of the agi-

The great bloycle relay race from Chicago

The trip by bicycle from Chicago to New

tween the Generals of the army .- Brooklyn

GENERAL MILES is quoted as saying that

bicycle rider can go where no horse can

such spot attainable it must be after the

rider has abandoned his wheel .- New York

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name one of those places? If there is

tation for good roads .- Hoston Globe.

Hera'd.

Grand Rapids Herald.

New York Herald.

Citizen.

Advertiser.

but the switchman refused, holdin was given him without reservation. THE arrival of General Miles' dispatch in New York demonstrates the fact that the bicycle is mightier than the mud.-Boston FROM FUNNY PENS.

"Lieutenant Totten says the world THE relay bicycle ride was, on the whole, a success. Four days from Chicago to New "Who's Lieutenant Totten?" York over unfavorable roads was certainly ot bad.-Baltimore News.

"He's the er-er-why, he's the fellow a sys the world is coming to an end."-Judge. RELAY bicycling may be an excellent thing Now doth the downtown merchant gay for sport, but the present exhibition has not Now doin the download inter-Off from his office sneak. On plea of liness dire at home, One afternoon each week; And as he cheers the baseball game shown in any way that the bicycle would be of practical service in military campaigns .-

THAT the bicycle can be made useful in With loud, ecstatic joy, He sees upon the bleaching boards His clerks and office boy! war has been already demonstrated. But one of the greatest benefits that the bloycle

-N. Y. Heral

Beggar-Won't you give me a dime, si Spiggit-If I do, I suppose you'll spend it

to New York has proved the skill and pluck whisky. Heggar (frankly)-Yes, sir. Spiggit-Then here it is. If I thought you wo waste it buying bread, I'd invest it in whisky u self.-Smith, Gray & Co.'s Monthly. rhlaky. of American wheelmen, and that these qualities might come well into play in some important emergency .- New York Evening

Teacher-Tommy, you know what I to GENERAL MILES thinks an army on bleyyou yesterday, that if you didn't run right ho and teil your mother you had played traanti week. I would give you a good whipping. Tommy-Yes'm: an' I told her. cles among the possibilities. An army on bicycles charging up a steep hill would doubtless put the enemy to rout. An enemy couldn't shoot and laugh at the same time.

Teacher-What did she say? Tommy-She said it I hadn't told her she we have licked me, too. -Puck.

Down to the Gravsend track he went The races for to play. With a goodly store of shenels Against the odds to lay: And while he lost his money

In a vain attempt to win, His wife picks out the winners On her programme with a pin! -N. Y. Hertic

Dottie-Are you going to wear your p

and white biazer at the seashore again this su ner? Lottle-No indeed. I hadn't been there a w

last year before I was proposed to by three pers. - Cloak Review.

Mrs. Bloobumper-I saw in the pap that Dr. Krug, a German scientist, has discove a method of making a nutritious bread out rood.

Bioobumper-He must want to 'board' the co munity.-Detroit Free Press.

SAMUEL HAMILTON, a banker at Shelbyville, Ind., is dead, aged 50 years.

THE ride of the wheelmen from Chicago to COLONEL C. A. BROADWATER, President of the

the object of delaying or interioring with the carrying of the message. DEATHS HERE AND ELSEWHERE.